(e) whether Government would agree to it and forego their disinvestment policy in I.T.D.C. Hotel properties for next two years atleast; and

(f) if the answer to part (e) above, be in negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) ITDC was not required to sign Memorandum of Understanding for the year 1990-91. For the year 1991-92, ITDC was exempted for signing the Memorandum of Understanding on account of set back to tourism caused by the Gulf War and its aftermath, internal disturbances in some parts of the country etc.

As regards 1992-93, it has been proposed to exempt ITDC due to changes contemplated to up-grade and develop some of its hotel properties through formation of joint venture. A final decision in the matter is however, yet to be taken.

(d) to (f) No such specific understanding has been made by the Trade Unions/Associations of ITDC. However, in the proposed scheme, a portion of the shares will be offered to the workers/general public.

Agreement with Kuwait Airways for overhauling of engines of Boeing 747 fleet

91. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India has signed an agreement with Kuwait Airways for overhauling of engines of its Boeing 747 fleet;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the foreign exchange earnings in this regard;

(c) whether Air India also overhauls engines of Indian Airlines Boeings; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Commencing January 1, 1992, Air India has entered into a three year agreement with Kuwait Airways for overhauling their Pratt and Whitney JT-9D-70 engines. It is expected to generate foreign exchange earnings of around US dollar 8 million per annum.

(c) and (d) Air India maintains Part and Whitney JT 8D engines fitted on Indian Airlines B-737 aircraft.

Salary not paid to Air Hostess by Indian Indian Airlines during pregnancy period

92. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Air Hostesses working in the Indian Airlines are made to go on compulsory leave during their pregnancy period and that they are not paid any salary for nine months;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to pay the salaries to the Air Hostesses during their pregnancy period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) An Air Hostess working in Indian Airlines is eligible for payment of fixed pay and allowances during the period of maternity leave of 90 days and other types of leave lying at her credit. In case, no leave is due to her, the period beyond maternity leave is treated as leave without pay-